Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 05 May 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 06 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 04 May 2023 at 15:53 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for changeable weather for the next few days. Low for detail or rain and low cloud on a daily basis.

Headline for Friday 05 May 2023: Bright along the west coast, otherwise cloudy and windy with patchy afternoon rain.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 05 May 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	20%	20%	20%	30%	30%	30%

Forecast for Friday 05 May 2023

Weather: Dry in the morning. A little light rain will develop across Skye, northern Lochaber and Caithness later in the afternoon, with some patchy light rain developing elsewhere in the evening. The west coast will see spells of sunshine although clouding over from the south through the afternoon and evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%, best chance along the west coast

Low cloud and visibility: Mostly good visibility through the day with areas of cloud down to 700 to 900 metres, this most extensive across Lochaber and Skye. However low cloud down to 500 metres will persist across Caithness, much of Sutherland away from the west coast and Easter Ross.

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Forecast for Friday 05 May 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	34/44 E	33/41 E	35/44 E	37/47 E	30/40 E	25/33 SE	25/32 SE	24/31 SE	24/29 SE
900	36/46 E	32/40 E	34/43 E	35/45 E	29/38 E	24/32 SE	24/31 SE	23/29 SE	21/27 SE
600	27/38 E	26/35 E	27/37 E	29/40 E	24/34 E	20/28 SE	18/25 SE	16/22 SE	14/20 SE
300	13/33 E	10/29 E	10/30 E	10/33 E	9/30 E	8/26 SE	6/22 SE	4/20 SE	3/18 SE
Glen	24/37 E	20/32 E	21/34 E	23/40 E	18/31 E	14/25 SE	11/22 SE	11/21 SE	9/19 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-9	0/-8	0/-8	2/-6	4/-3	6/0	6/0	4/-1	4/-2
900	0/-8	1/-7	1/-7	3/-5	5/-2	6/2	6/2	5/0	4/-0
600	4/-3	4/-2	4/-1	6/-0	8/3	9/6	9/6	8/4	7/4
300	4/-0	3/-0	4/1	8/5	11/9	12/11	12/11	10/9	9/8
Glen	7/3	7/3	8/4	11/8	14/11	16/13	15/13	13/11	12/10
Freezing Level*	1300m	1600m	2000m	2100m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Be prepared for cold and strong winds at height leading to slow progress. Low cloud will be additional hazard.

Forecast for Saturday 06 May 2023
Weather: Dry in the morning with sunny spells, but some hill fog across Caithness at first. The afternoon will see sunny spells and a few showers but not all ranges will see rain. Becoming dry in the evening but low cloud and a little drizzle developing across Caithness and northern Sutherland.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 15 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%

Low cloud and visibility: Generally good visibility most summits likely to be clear of cloud. Some hill fog down to 200 metres possible across Caithness at first.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 rising to 17 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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